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DMV Audit Reveals Glaring Licensing Issues



Scribner Meets With Officials Looking For Solutions

HARTFORD- Following a performance audit done on the Department of Motor vehicles by the Auditors of Public Accounts, a number of problems were discovered in the process by which the DMV issues motor vehicle operators licenses. Allegations of fraud and abuse in the issuance of drivers' licenses and identification cards, which lead to the arrest of several DMV employees and private citizens caused Governor M. Jodi Rell to ask for the report.

Following the report, Governor Rell directed new DMV Commissioner Ralph Carpenter to implement administrative reforms to begin the process of fixing a "broken" system.

State Representative David Scribner (R-Brookfield), who serves as Ranking member of the legislatures joint committee on Transportation, met with the Chairs of his Committee, and Commissioner Carpenter at the Capitol on Wednesday to discuss the need for administrative changes that will correct the problems.

"Everyone involved is clearly committed to creating a more secure and accurate licensing system," said Representative Scribner. "I appreciate the quick action of the governor and the new commissioner in addressing this issue. It is likely that the solution to this matter will be a combination of administrative as well as legislative action."

Scribner noted than in a post 9/11 America, the secure issuing of drivers' licenses is critical. "The nineteen 9/11 hijackers had over two dozen legitimately issued drivers' licenses among them. Drivers' licenses are a critical part of establishing identity. This means the system must be above the kinds of fraud and abuse that we have experienced."